

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Stock Market Very Active and Feverish.

**GOLD 100 5-8 A 100 1-2.**

Government Bonds Firm, States Dull and Railroads Irregular.

Money on Call Easy at 5 a 6 a 4 Per Cent.

WALL STREET, N.Y.

Wednesday, April 24—6 P.M.

The bulls and bears of Wall street had each a successful inning to-day, and although the bulls were in the main victorious, yet their opponents played a skilful and no doubt satisfactory game. The market opened a little weak, but immediately strengthened up for all the leading fancies, Lake Shore and Northwest leading the dance with every appearance of strength and buoyancy. After, however, the first half hour a large selling tendency was developed, which lasted until the last hour, when the bull movement again set in with renewed activity. It was generally rumored in the street that a large bull operator had sold a block of Lake Shore toward the middle of the day, and that the uptown party, taking advantage of his detection, had sold the market generally. Whether this be so or not the great vitality with which Northwest and St. Paul recovered from the onslaught created a renewed bull feeling, and the short interest which has been developed encouraged the bulls to rejoin the party of higher values. To aid the advance the combatants for the Northwest direction point once more to the large increase in the earnings of the road and to the enormous receipts of grain at Chicago and Milwaukee. The European news was also used as a lever to push prices up, as the street to-day decided that the Bull and Bear of the East were as likely to quarrel as the bulls and bears of the Northwest. At noon the Erie road was put up at auction and bought by Governor E. D. Morgan on behalf of the reconstruction trustees. This sale has been so often postponed that until it had actually taken place few persons were bound to believe that some hitch would not occur. The consequence of the sale upon the price of the stock was an immediate rise in the teeth of the market, which was then falling. It was justly argued that the sale would allow the funds subscribed under the share assessment, and lying in the hands of the trustees, to be used for the proper maintenance and improvement of the road, and it is clearly to the advantage of the management that the reins should be held by a president instead of a receiver.

The decline during the middle of the day amounted at one time to a scare and showed how dangerous the market has been to deal in late, as there was no short interest upon which to fall back. The fall of the last few days is consequently a great tonic to the market, and has produced a much more healthy tenor, which became very apparent in the dealings at the close, when the highest prices of the day were made and when money on call was freely supplied at 4 per cent.

## OPENING PRICES.

The opening price of stocks at the Board to-day were as follows.—New York Central, 100%; Erie, 11%; Lake Shore, 60%; Wabash, 17½; Northwestern, 50%; do, preferred, 71½; Rock Island, 105%; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 49; do, preferred, 73½; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 54%; New Jersey Central, 16½; Delaware and Hudson Canal, 54%; Morris and Essex, 7½; Michigan Central, 69; Illinois Central, 15½; Union Pacific, 69%; Chicago and Alton, 75%; C. and L.C., 34%; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 12; do, preferred, 27%; Ohio and Mississippi, 9; Western Union, 80%; Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, 21; Pacific Mail, 20½.

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

The closing quotations at three P.M. were:—

At & Pa. Tel. Bid. Asked.

Chi & N.W. 50 52½ Kansas & Texas 2½

Chi & N.W. pref. 72½ 75½

Chi & N.W. 60 62½ Mich. & Gage 70½

Chi & N.W. 100 105½ Mich. & Gage 48½

Chi & N.W. 104½ 108½ Minn. & Pac. 48½

Chi & N.W. 110 115½ Minn. & Pac. 50½

Chi & N.W. 115 120½ Minn. & Pac. 52½

Chi & N.W. 120 125½ Minn. & Pac. 54½

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Chi & N.W. 190 195½ Minn. & Pac. 82½

Chi & N.W. 195 200½ Minn. & Pac. 84½

Chi & N.W. 200 205½ Minn. & Pac. 86½

Chi & N.W. 205 210½ Minn. & Pac. 88½

Chi & N.W. 210 215½ Minn. & Pac. 90½

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